(d) The traditional rights of the tribal people have not been given any legal recognition during the last three years.

Post-matric scholarship to ST student

3368. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal submitted by the Government of Kamataka for sanction of the post-matric scholarship to the ST students with 100 per cent Central share; and

(b) by when the funds are likely to be released to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The State Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal during the last financial year for release of grants-in-aid for the year 2004-05. The total admissible 100% Central Share over and above the committed liability of the State Govt, of Karnataka for the year 2004-05 was Rs. 1306.71 lakh (including the arrears of the year 2003-04). An amount of Rs. 400.00 lakh was released on 17th February, 2005 and balance amount of Rs. 906.71 lakh has been released on 13th April, 2005.

Employment to tribal people

3369. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide meaningful employment to the tribal people to wean them away from the distillation of illicit liquor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) There is no specific proposal. However, the Ministry provides grants to the State Governments under Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub-Plan for employment-cum-income generation activities and the